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According to a current rumor, Otto Brichacek, national head of the FOCJ (Freie Oesterreichische Jugend) will be replaced sometime in October by a younger, more forceful leader. Brichacek recently had a run-in with the Soviet officer responsible for checking the ideological and organizational methods of the FOCJ. Because he told the Soviet officer that the FOCJ was not to be used as a Soviet intelligence apparatus, Brichacek was labeled anti-Soviet and summoned to appear before the Central Committee of the KPOe to explain his action.

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Comment: No successor has been chosen yet. Hans Dronig, a member of the national directorate of the FOCJ, stands a good chance.

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